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Sir: This is a request for filing a continuation divisional application, under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b),
of pending prior Application No. 09/ 651,526 filed on August 29, 2000,
entitled TWO-STAGE PROCESS FOR THE HYDROGENATION OF MALEIC ACID TO 1,4-BUTANEDIOL

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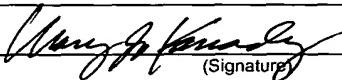
1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the oath or declaration, as originally filed. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied herewith, is considered as being a part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
2. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. Amend this application to cancel original claims _____ of the application before calculating the filing fee (MPEP 607). (At least one original independent claim is retained.)
4. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
This is a continuation, division of Application No. 09/651,526,
filed August 29, 2000
5. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2):
 - a. DELETE the following inventor(s) named in the prior non-provisional application:
 - b. The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
6. A new power of attorney is enclosed.
7. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) is enclosed.
8. An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed: a. PTO-1449 b. Copies of IDS citations

The filing fee is calculated below on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended in 2 and 3 above.

| Claims As Filed in the Prior Application Less any Claims Canceled By Amendment | | | | |
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| (1) For: | (2) No. Filed | (3) No. Extra | (4) Rate | (5) Calculations |
| Total Claims | 16 - 20 = | 0 | \$18 = | \$ |
| Independent Claims | 3 - 3 = | 0 | \$84 = | \$ |
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| | | | Total Filing Fee > | \$750.00 |

9. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. **01-0528**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
10. A check in the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed.
11. Other: _____
12. New correspondence address: _____

13. Signature of attorney or agent:


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